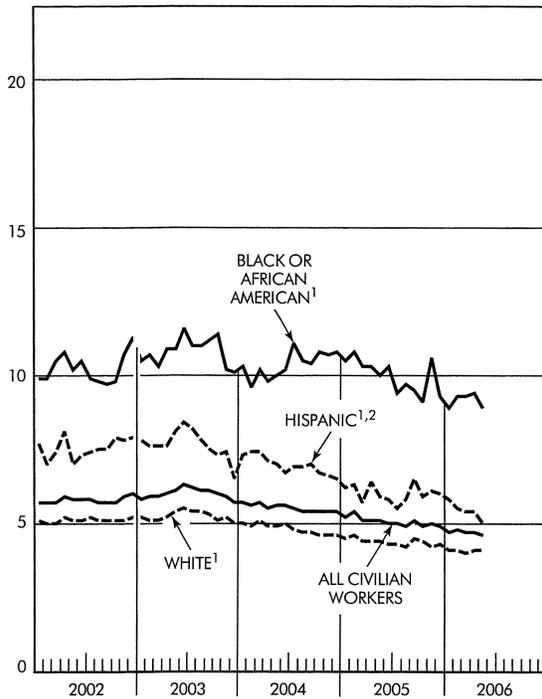


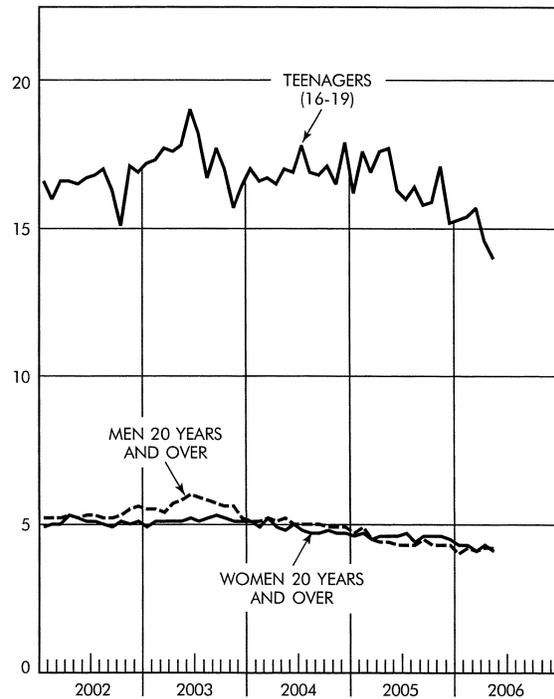
# SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

In May, the unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent from 4.7 percent in April.

PERCENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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<sup>1</sup>SEE FOOTNOTE 1 TABLE BELOW.  
<sup>2</sup>HISPANIC OR LATINO ETHNICITY.  
SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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[Monthly data seasonally adjusted]

| Period          | Unemployment rate (percent of civilian labor force in group) |                       |                         |                        |                                   |                           |             |                              |                             |                                   |                   |                   |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                 | All civilian workers   | By sex and age        |                         |                        | By race or ethnicity <sup>1</sup> |                           |             |                              | By selected groups          |                                   |                   |                   |
|                 |  | Men 20 years and over | Women 20 years and over | Both sexes 16-19 years | White                             | Black or African American | Asian (NSA) | Hispanic or Latino ethnicity | Married men, spouse present | Women who maintain families (NSA) | Full-time workers | Part-time workers |
| 1996 .....      | 5.4  | 4.6                   | 4.8                     | 16.7                   | 4.7                               | 10.5                      | .....       | 8.9                          | 3.0                         | 8.2                               | 5.3               | 5.8               |
| 1997 .....      | 4.9  | 4.2                   | 4.4                     | 16.0                   | 4.2                               | 10.0                      | .....       | 7.7                          | 2.7                         | 8.1                               | 4.8               | 5.5               |
| 1998 .....      | 4.5  | 3.7                   | 4.1                     | 14.6                   | 3.9                               | 8.9                       | .....       | 7.2                          | 2.4                         | 7.2                               | 4.3               | 5.3               |
| 1999 .....      | 4.2  | 3.5                   | 3.8                     | 13.9                   | 3.7                               | 8.0                       | .....       | 6.4                          | 2.2                         | 6.4                               | 4.1               | 5.0               |
| 2000 .....      | 4.0  | 3.3                   | 3.6                     | 13.1                   | 3.5                               | 7.6                       | 3.6         | 5.7                          | 2.0                         | 5.9                               | 3.8               | 4.8               |
| 2001 .....      | 4.7  | 4.2                   | 4.1                     | 14.7                   | 4.2                               | 8.6                       | 4.5         | 6.6                          | 2.7                         | 6.6                               | 4.7               | 5.1               |
| 2002 .....      | 5.8  | 5.3                   | 5.1                     | 16.5                   | 5.1                               | 10.2                      | 5.9         | 7.5                          | 3.6                         | 8.0                               | 5.9               | 5.2               |
| 2003 .....      | 6.0  | 5.6                   | 5.1                     | 17.5                   | 5.2                               | 10.8                      | 6.0         | 7.7                          | 3.8                         | 8.5                               | 6.1               | 5.5               |
| 2004 .....      | 5.5  | 5.0                   | 4.9                     | 17.0                   | 4.8                               | 10.4                      | 4.4         | 7.0                          | 3.1                         | 8.0                               | 5.6               | 5.3               |
| 2005 .....      | 5.1  | 4.4                   | 4.6                     | 16.6                   | 4.4                               | 10.0                      | 4.0         | 6.0                          | 2.8                         | 7.8                               | 5.0               | 5.4               |
| 2005: May ..... | 5.1  | 4.4                   | 4.6                     | 17.7                   | 4.4                               | 10.0                      | 3.9         | 5.9                          | 2.7                         | 7.9                               | 5.0               | 5.6               |
| June .....      | 5.0  | 4.3                   | 4.6                     | 16.3                   | 4.3                               | 10.3                      | 4.0         | 5.8                          | 2.6                         | 8.2                               | 4.9               | 5.3               |
| July .....      | 5.0  | 4.3                   | 4.7                     | 16.0                   | 4.3                               | 9.4                       | 5.2         | 5.5                          | 2.7                         | 8.8                               | 4.9               | 5.5               |
| Aug .....       | 4.9  | 4.3                   | 4.4                     | 16.4                   | 4.2                               | 9.7                       | 3.6         | 5.8                          | 2.9                         | 7.2                               | 4.9               | 5.1               |
| Sept .....      | 5.1  | 4.5                   | 4.6                     | 15.8                   | 4.5                               | 9.5                       | 4.1         | 6.5                          | 2.7                         | 7.6                               | 5.0               | 5.3               |
| Oct .....       | 4.9  | 4.3                   | 4.6                     | 15.9                   | 4.4                               | 9.1                       | 3.1         | 5.9                          | 2.6                         | 7.3                               | 4.9               | 5.4               |
| Nov .....       | 5.0  | 4.3                   | 4.6                     | 17.1                   | 4.2                               | 10.6                      | 3.6         | 6.1                          | 2.6                         | 7.2                               | 4.9               | 5.7               |
| Dec .....       | 4.9  | 4.3                   | 4.5                     | 15.2                   | 4.3                               | 9.3                       | 3.8         | 6.0                          | 2.6                         | 6.9                               | 4.8               | 5.5               |
| 2006: Jan ..... | 4.7  | 4.0                   | 4.3                     | 15.3                   | 4.1                               | 8.9                       | 3.2         | 5.8                          | 2.4                         | 8.2                               | 4.7               | 4.8               |
| Feb .....       | 4.8  | 4.2                   | 4.3                     | 15.4                   | 4.1                               | 9.3                       | 3.2         | 5.5                          | 2.4                         | 7.5                               | 4.7               | 5.2               |
| Mar .....       | 4.7  | 4.1                   | 4.1                     | 15.7                   | 4.0                               | 9.3                       | 3.4         | 5.4                          | 2.4                         | 7.5                               | 4.6               | 5.1               |
| Apr .....       | 4.7  | 4.2                   | 4.3                     | 14.6                   | 4.1                               | 9.4                       | 3.6         | 5.4                          | 2.6                         | 7.5                               | 4.7               | 5.1               |
| May .....       | 4.6  | 4.2                   | 4.1                     | 14.0                   | 4.1                               | 8.9                       | 3.0         | 5.0                          | 2.5                         | 6.3                               | 4.5               | 5.1               |

<sup>1</sup>Beginning in 2003, persons who selected this race group only. Prior to 2003, persons who reported more than one race were included in the group they identified as the main race. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over.  
Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.